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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED MAY 7, 1977
SENT DACCA, ISLAMABAD, KABUL, NEW DELHI IS REPEATED TO YOU:
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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IS TO
PROVIDE GIFTED AND HIGHLY-MOTIVATED YOUNG AMERICANS (AGES
23-35) WITH FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE IN THE PROCESS OF GOVERN-
ING THE NATION. FELLOWS COME FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY,
ACADEMIA OR THE ARMED SERVICES AND ARE ASSIGNED TO THE
WHITE HOUSE STAFF, TOP-LEVEL PERSONS, THE VICE-PRESIDENT,
OR TO CABINET SECRETARIES. THE CURRENT FELLOWS HAVE CON-
CENTRATED HEAVILY ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. THE ANNUAL
FOREIGN TRIP PROVIDES THFM A FIRST-HAND VIEW OF PROBLEMS
AND HOST COUNTRY CONCERNS AND USUALLY INCLUDES HIGH-LEVEL
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CHIEF OF STATE/GOVERNMENT CONTACTS.

2. SECRETARY VANCE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE
FELLOWS VISIT INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND BANGLADESH THIS SUMMER.
THIS ITINERARY WOULD OFFER THE FELLOWS EXPOSURE TO PROB-
LEMS IN NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT, AND NORTH-SOUTH/NON-ALIGNED ISSUES, AS WELL AS

TO THE PENTANGULAR SECURITY AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS
AMONG THE U.S., USSR, THE PRC, INDIA, AND PAKISTAN.

3. IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN, THE DEPARTMENT IS INCLINED TO SUGGEST THE SUBSTITUTION OF AFGHANISTAN FOR PAKISTAN IN THE FELLOWS' ITINERARY. ADDRESSEE COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL ARE SOLICITED. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER THE PROPOSED JULY 3-17 VISIT TIMING PRESENTS SCHEDULING PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF HOLIDAYS OR SCARCITY OF HOTEL SPACE. THE FELLOWS HAVE INDICATED THAT UNCOMFORTABLE SEASONABLE HEAT WILL NOT DETER THEM. THE GROUP CONSISTS OF 15 FELLOWS PLUS DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR. HOTEL REQUIREMENTS ARE 8 DOUBLES AND 2 SINGLES.

4. THE DEPARTMENT WILL SOLICIT PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AT A LATER DATE. CHRISTOPHER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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